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REHABILITATION OF HIV PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme for rehabilitation of HIV-positive patients by the Central Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Under National AIDS Control Programme (Phase-III), there is provision of free Anti-retroviral Treatment (ART) of eligible HIV/AIDS patients, which is expected to prolong survival, improve the quality of life and functional capacity. These services are being provided through 126 ART Centres where currently more than 73 thousand HIV/AIDS patients are being treated. In addition, 122 Community Care Centres have been set up in the non-government sector to treat opportunistic infections, where counselling on prevention, drug adherence and nutrition is also provided.